upgradation of Jaipur-Reengus section of NH 11, Jaipur-Tonk section of NH 12 and Beawar-Pali-Pindwara section NH 14 under NHDP Phase IIIB on BOT basis for which the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been asked to prepare DPR.

Regarding four-laning of the Reengus-Sikar section of NH 11 and Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section up to MP border of NH 12, these sections have not been included under NHDP Phase III.

(b) The status of progress is as under:

Nh No.	Section	Status
11	Jaipur-Reengus	Consultancy for DPR awarded.
14	Beawar-Pali-Pindwara	DPR will be taken in phases.
12	Jaipur-Tonk	DPR bids are under evaluation.

(c) It is too early to indicate time frame for its completion.

Astrosat Project

2831. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada is likely to collaborate with India's first astronomy satellite project called ASTROSAT;

(b) whether the satellite is expected to be in orbit by 2008; and

(c) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) ASTROSAT is an Indian setallite mission for astronomical observations. Canada is contributing towards the development of a detector system for one of the telescopes on this satellite under a Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Space Research Organisation and the Canadian Space Agency.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The configuration of the satellite has been finalized. The preliminary design review of the satellite subsystems and payloads has been completed.